CWDT under Section 5(2) of Inter State River Water Disputes Act, 1956 is reserved as per order of CWDT dated July 27,2006.

Interim Award of **Cauvery Tribunal**

2713. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) by when, the final verdict of Cauvery Tribunal on Cauvery river dispute is likely to be pronounced;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government will be pretty serious to implement the final verdict of Cauvery Tribunal as opined by him in Tamil Nadu during his visit in February; and

(c) if so, whether Government have not executed the Interim Award of Cauvery Tribunal if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) The report and decision of Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT) under Section 5(2) of Inter-State River Disputes Act, 1956 is reserved as per Order of CWDT dated July 27,2006.

(b) and (c) Interim order passed by CWDT in June, 1991 is a decision of the tribunal and the decision of a Tribunal after publication in official gazette has the same force as an order or the decree of the Supreme Court and becomes final and binding on parties to the dispute and is required to be given effect by them.

Legislation on conservation of water

†2714. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government's present water policy is promoting the companies engaged in water trade;

(b) whether it is also a fact that multinational companies are making efforts for the enactment of legislation regarding ownership of ground water of the country;

(c) if not, the details of the legislation enacted to check reckless use of water in the country; and

(d) the details of efforts being made by Government for conservation of water or its recharging and State-wise achievements thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) and (b) No. Sir.

(c) Water being a state subject, necessary action to enact legislation

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.